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1. Upon entering the port of Novorossisk, the customary routine search was made whereby all cameras, binoculars and firearms were placed under lock and sealed. The entire time the ship was in port the gangplank was guarded by two military policemen.

2. Facilities for loading and discharging cargo were in a very dilapidated state. All equipment appeared to be in a very run-down condition. Only one truck was available for use in transferring ship's cargo from ship to warehouse. A number of new trucks were seen in Novorossisk in the pier area. The new trucks observed closely resembled American trucks. One passenger vehicle appeared to be very much like the American "Mercury" automobile. It could not be ascertained where the vehicles were manufactured or from where they were shipped. All rail equipment was very much deteriorated and there seemed to be no effort made to maintain any of the available equipment in working condition. The harbor authorities possessed only one tug for harbor use and this was in extremely poor shape.

3. Construction work was observed on two piers. [REDACTED] construction work began on a new pier which is to be exceptionally large. One of the few standing buildings remaining in the pier area will have to be demolished in order to clear sufficient space for the construction of this new pier and warehouses. It was estimated by the Soviet port authorities that this project could not be accomplished in less than three years.

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5. The following merchant vessels were observed: one small Yugoslavian merchant vessel, M/V, of approximately 3500 tons, loading coal; one English merchant vessel, 7,000 gross tons, awaiting repair work and "shifting boards", later to be loaded with grain; two small English merchant vessels, approximately 6,000 tons; one small river-type English merchant vessel, approximately 6,500 gross tons; one Canadian Liberty merchant vessel, 8,000 gross tons, operated by an unknown Greek firm, (these four English vessels loaded wheat and departed during my stay in port); one small passenger vessel, named "Molotov". This vessel was similar to the US "Eastern Line" type and was of approximately 3,000 gross tons. A weekly schedule appeared to be maintained by this vessel.

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6. The following naval vessels were observed: ten or more torpedo boats of approximately sixty feet in length, which appeared to be of the Herreshof type between sixty and seventy feet in length. These boats maneuvered practically every night, leaving at approximately ten o'clock and returning before daylight. On Navy Day, [redacted] two Soviet heavy cruisers and two Soviet destroyers entered port for the day. The harbor pilot stated that one of the cruisers was named "Molotov", that both were built in the USSR, and that the two destroyers were built in Rumania. The cruisers appeared to be in top condition but the destroyers were in need of paint and outside repairs. 25X1

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**M/V Loaded Wheat**

- 1- Canadian Liberty - 8000 T. Operated by Greek Firm
- 1- English River Type m/v 6,500 T.
- 2- Small English m/v 6000 T.

This Pier is Being Reconstructed.  
To be Ore Loading Pier, Very Large.  
Rumored to take 3 Years To Complete.

- 1- Small Yugoslavian m/v. 3500 T. (Loading Coal)
- 1- English m/v - 1000 T. Awaiting repairs (To Load Grain.)

This Pier To Be Refueling Pier And To be Improved. Only warehouse seen, contained Wool, unloaded wool here.

Divers Repairing Under-water Foundations.

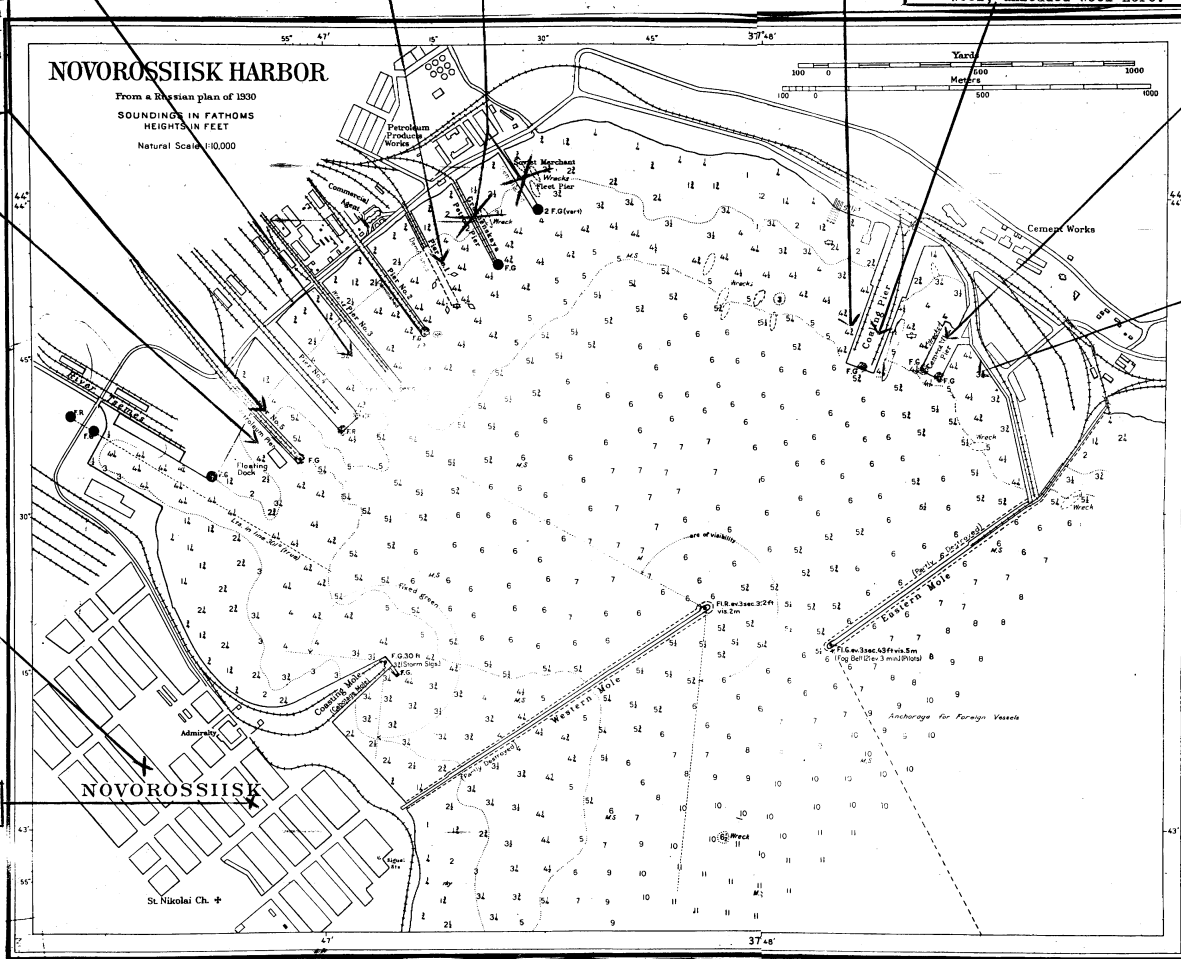
Russian m/v - 6,000 T. Being Dismantled, Old, very rusty.

1- Small Russian Passenger Vessel "Molotov" - (Similar to U.S. Eastern Line Type) 3000 T. Weekly Schedule.

10 or more PT Boats - Herreshoe Type.

Soldiers Barracks, 5000 or More.

Officers Barracks and Club.



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